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1. ACCORDING TO PERM REP SOURCES, ON JANUARY 22 THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) COMPLETED ITS LAST EXAMINATION OF CIEC PROCEDURES BEFORE THE JANUARY 26 MEETING. COREPER STUCK QUITE CLOSELY TO THE POSITIONS ANTICIPATED IN THE REFTELS.

2. DURATION OF SESSIONS: COREPER AGREED THAT ORDINARILY SESSIONS SHOULD HAVE A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF A WEEK. THE FEBRUARY 11 SESSION, HOWEVER, COULD EXCEPTIONALLY LAST UP TO A WEEK

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AND A HALF. AS A COMPROMISE MEASURE TO MORE CLOSELY APPROXI-

MATE THE DESIRES OF THE NINETEEN THE COREPER AGREED THAT THE INTERVAL BETWEEN COMMISSION MEETINGS COULD BE THREE WEEKS. MOST REPRESENTATIVES ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, THAT EXCEPT FOR THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE FIRST AND THE SECOND SESSION WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE ONLY THREE WEEKS, THE INTERVAL WILL BE LONGER.

3. JANUARY 26 MEETING: THE COREPER CONFIRMED ITS PREFERENCE TO REFUSE ANY DISCUSSION OF THE COMMISSION AGENDAS ON THE 26TH. SOME PERMREPS, HOWEVER, ARGUED THAT IF THERE WAS STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE NINETEEN IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE ON THE AGENDAS IN VERY GENERAL TERMS.

4. OBSERVERS: THE COREPER HAD THE US PROPOSALS BEFORE IT BUT DID NOT TAKE UP THE QUESTION IN DETAIL. THEY AGREED ONLY THAT THE LIST OF OBSERVERS SHOULD BE SHORT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE WORK IN THE COMMISSIONS.

5. REGARDING THE US PROPOSAL THAT THERE BE CONSULTATIONS IN THE BACKSTOPPING GROUPS REGARDING THE ADVISEABILITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TABLING THEIR OWN LIST (REFTEL C) COREPER DECIDED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE JANUARY 26 MEETING TO TAKE A POSITION.

6. SECRETARIAT VICE CHAIRMEN: THE COREPER DID NOT DECIDE ON AN OFFICIAL CANDIDATE. SOME PERMREPS FAVORED A SWISS CANDIDATE AND OTHERS A SPANISH. GREENWALD

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